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SUBJ: POLISH EDITORIAL REACTION TO CARTER STATEMENT GERMAN  
REUNIFICATION

1. PRESIDENT CARTER'S COMMENTS CONCERNING THE REUNIFICATION  
OF GERMANY AT HIS BERLIN TOWN MEETING JULY 15 ELICITED  
EDITORIAL RESPONSES FROM ALL MAJOR POLISH DAILIES. IN

A COMMENTARY PUBLISHED JULY 18, RYSZARD WOJNA,  
GERMAN EXPERT OF TRYBUNA LUDU, THE ORGAN OF THE  
POLISH UNITED WORKERS' PARTY (PZPR), WROTE THAT THE  
"WESTERN POWERS" HAVE "NEVER OFFICIALLY RENOUNCED"  
THE GOAL OF THE REUNIFICATION OF GERMANY, BUT THAT  
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"TOGETHER WITH THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES THEY CONSIDERED  
THE STATUS QUO ON THE GERMAN QUESTION TO BE THE  
FOUNDATION OF A PEACEFUL ORDER IN EUROPE".

2. WOJNA SAID THE WEST WILL PROBABLY NEVER PAY  
MORE THAN LIP SERVICE TO GERMAN REUNIFICATION, BUT HE  
WORRIED ABOUT "THE CONSEQUENCES WHICH THE AMERICAN

STATEMENT MAY SET OFF IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC ITSELF".  
HE EXPRESSED THE FEAR THAT CARTER'S STATEMENT MAY  
JUSTIFY THE CAUSE OF "EXTREMIST POLITICIANS" IN  
THE EYES OF THE WEST GERMAN PUBLIC AS A WHOLE.  
WOJNA PUZZLED OVER AMERICAN MOTIVES. HE SPECULATED  
THAT PERHAPS CARTER'S "DEMONSTRATIVE VISIT TO THE  
FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND WEST BERLIN" WAS "THE PRICE"  
DEMANDED FOR WEST GERMANY FEALTY, AND CONCLUDED:  
"THE QUESTION REMAINS WHETHER WE ARE WITNESSING  
A DELIBERATE MOVE IN AMERICAN POLICY, OR A HAPHAZARD  
ONE RATHER TYPICAL OF WASHINGTON POLICY FOR SOME TIME  
NOW."

JDAVYJANUSZ REITER IN ZYCIE WARSZAWY OF JULY 19  
ASSERTED "THE UNIFICATION OF GERMANY INTERESTS  
NO ONE." EVEN THE ALLIES OF THE FRG, REITER CONTINUED  
AWARE OF ITS ENORMOUS STRENGTH, SHUN THE IDEA. "ONLY  
AS A RESULT OF THE INSISTENCE OF THE FRG, DOES  
THAT THEME APPEAR AT ALL IN THE WESTERN WORLD,  
ALWAYS PROVOKONG UNEASINESS AMONG POLITICIANS."

4. REITER CITED TWO FURTHER REASONS WHY THE UNIFICATION  
OF GERMANY IS "ONLY A MYTH OBSTINATELY SUPPORTED  
IN THE FRG" THE EXISTENCE OF THE GDR "AS A SOVEREIGN  
STATE" AND THE ASSUMPTION THAT "THE EXISTENCE OF  
TWO GERMAN STATES IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENTS  
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OF THE POSTWAR STATUS QUO IN EUROPE". REITER CONCLUDED  
THAT " IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT ANYONE IN  
EUROPE WOULD SACRIFICE DETENTE FOR THE FULFILLMENT  
OF THE GREAT POWER FANTASIES OF SOME WEST GERMAN  
POLITICIANS. PRESIDENT CARTER WILL NOT FULFILL  
THEM EITHER, ALTHOUGH HE ADDED FORCE TO THE ADVOCATES  
OF REUNIFICATION IN THE FRG. THIS IS A BAD SERVICE."

5. NOTWITHSTANDING THESE COMMENTARIES, WE HAVE NOT  
FOUND ANY QUOTATIONS IN THE POLISH PRESS OF THE  
PRESIDENT'S ACTUAL REMARKS ON REUNIFICATION.

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